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**REMEMBERED:** Royal British Legion Standard Bearers at the unveiling of the new memorial sculpture in The Mall shopping centre. (Inset) Mayor of Luton, Councillor Mohammed Farooq, places a poppy in the new sculpture during the ceremony on Friday morning



## New sculpture honours the fallen

A MEMORIAL sculpture was unveiled at Luton Mall on Friday to mark tomorrow's World War One Centenary.

Internationally renowned artist Mark Humphrey was commissioned to make the sculpture by the Royal British Legion (RBL) and The Mall is one of just seven centres across the country to have been given the honour of hosting one.

It has been designed so people can place poppies from the RBL Poppy Appeal on the sculpture, dedicated either to a family member or one of the armed forces.

On the installation, Mr

Humphrey said: "I wanted to create a low cost, easy to install commemoration sculpture that brings home to the public the great sacrifices that were made 100 years ago."

"The sculpture will inspire the community to mark the Centenary of World War One. It will create a space for the public to reflect and remember those soldiers that lost their lives not just then but as a result of more recent conflict."

Representing the town was Mayor of Luton, Councillor Mohammed Farooq, who placed a poppy on the new sculpture.

# Life detention for teen in 'sickening' rape attack

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A TEENAGE girl has been left with a mental age of eight after her ex-boyfriend knocked her unconscious and raped her during a vicious attack.

The 14-year-old was struck repeatedly on the head with a bottle before being kicked by the youth, who dragged her into a quiet area of Lewsey Park and raped her on January 19 this year.

The boy, who is 16 now but was 15 at the time, was sentenced to detention for life at Luton Crown Court on Friday.

He pleaded guilty to rape and

causing grievous bodily harm with intent. His plea of not guilty to attempted murder was accepted by the prosecution.

Judge Michael Kay QC set a tariff of 14 years which means he will be able to apply for parole after six and a half years.

The girl had been left for dead following the attack. The boy tried to cover his tracks and pretend he had found her and sought help for her.

Police and ambulance crews were called to the park shortly before 9pm and the girl was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. She was critical for weeks.

She underwent three brain operations and was kept in an induced

coma. Her family were forewarned that she may die.

However, she survived but now has a mental age of eight, is mostly wheelchair bound, and may be registered visually impaired.

There is also a risk she will suffer epileptic fits and have a shortened life expectancy.

She has been treated at a rehabilitation centre since the attack and has also started to have vague recollections of the attack, which have added to her trauma.

Prosecutor Beverly Cripps said the couple had a brief relationship but after it ended he became angry because he believed she was behaving in an unpleasant way towards a

girl they both knew.

He had arranged to meet her and went along armed with a knife. After the attack he dragged her body for 20 feet, removed some of her clothes and raped her.

He then threw her clothing in a stream and took her mobile phone and headphones to make it appear she had been raped and mugged.

Miss Bozzie Sheffi, defending, said the boy had been treated for ADHD since he was six and had problems controlling his temper. He also had never offended before.

She said: "He is a child with problems, a child with difficulties but a child for whom there is still hope."

In sentencing, Judge Michael Kay

QC told the boy: "Even the most case hardened judge can be confronted with a set of facts that still have the capability to shock. This is one such case."

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# Gunman tells court of plan to only injure victim

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**A GUNMAN said to have been part of a plot to murder an accountant as he drove to work told a jury the plan was only to injure the man.**

Bernard Pillay, 41, from Campion Close, Uxbridge, said he had been brought into the plot by Shahzad Mahroof, 28, of Selbourne Road, Luton, who wanted Atif Ali's legs broken.

Mr Pillay, once jailed for 11 years for a knife attack on two policemen, said he first discussed the plan with Mr Mahroof at a boxing match last year in London.

He gave evidence at Luton Crown Court where he is on trial accused of conspiring to murder Mr Ali, who was shot on the morning of May 20 last year.

Both Mr Mahroof and Mr Pillay,

along with Matthew McCafferty, 23, of Roman Way, Flitwick; Mark O'Neil, 41, of Lansbury Drive, Hayes; Mahboob Baig, 31, of Overstone Road, Luton and Sajed Hussain, 31, of Portland Road, Luton, plead not guilty to conspiracy to murder Mr Ali.

Mr Mahroof and Mr Pillay both pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring to commit grievous bodily harm but the prosecution claim they are guilty of conspiring to murder Mr Ali. The four other men deny conspiracy to commit grievous bodily harm.

Mr Mahroof also denies making a threat to kill Mr Ali.

Mr Ali was shot in his left thigh with a single blast from a double barrelled shotgun at close range.

It happened after a Ford Mondeo with Mr Pillay inside was deliberately driven into the rear of Mr Ali's silver Audi in

Leicester Road, Luton.

Mr Pillay said he was known for 'little bits of violence' and, as a result, got to hear about Mr Mahroof's 'problem'.

He said he arranged the details with Mr Mahroof and then left it to a friend to source the weapon. Mr Pillay said Mr Mahroof had paid him £3,000 after the shooting and that he shared the cash with Mr O'Neil and a friend.

The prosecution say Mr McCafferty supplied the shotgun, but he has denied a charge of possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life, having a firearm with intent and possessing a prohibited firearm.

Mr O'Neil is said to have driven Mr Pillay to Luton for the shooting, with Mr Baig doing the 'co-ordinating' and Mr Hussain acting as the 'spotter'.

The case continues.

## newsbriefs

## RIDER KNOCKED OFF BIKE BY CAR

DETECTIVES from Operation Boson are seeking witnesses to an incident in Wauluds Bank Drive, where a motorcyclist was knocked off his Kawasaki by a Renault Clio. After the incident there was an altercation between the driver and the rider, before the driver and two passengers ran off on foot. The motorcyclist proceeded to get into the abandoned car and gave chase towards Henge Way.

## NEW BUS SERVICE TO WATFORD

ARRIVA will unveil their new Sapphire bus service between Luton and Watford at the end of the month. The new service along the 321 route will begin on August 29. Fares between Luton and Watford will remain at £5.00 single and £6.10 return.

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## Last of current generation Vauxhall Vivaro cheered off the line

THE last of the current generation of Vivaro vans was cheered off the production line at Vauxhall on Friday.

The vehicle, the 957,107th built at the plant, will take pride of place at Vauxhall's Heritage Centre at Griffin House in Luton.

Production of the all-new model begins later this month.

The all-new Vivaro has secured 1,200 jobs, a 10-year contract and a £185 million investment at Luton.

Vauxhall announced last month that it will add a second shift at the plant in January 2015 which is expected to create around 250 new jobs.

Tim Tozer, Vauxhall's Chairman and Managing Director, said: "The current Vivaro has been a huge success and our workforce at Luton is very much looking forward to building the all-new model.

"The Vivaro van is of critical importance to Vauxhall and its manufacturing facility in Luton.

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CELEBRATION: Vauxhall staff cheer the last of the current generation of Vivaro van off the production line on Friday

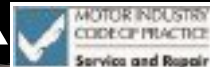
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# Council worker Pam's a winner at the Games

BY CARL MUNGAZI  
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FROM visiting the set of Silent Witness to rubbing shoulders with Commonwealth medallists Erraid Davies and Greg Rutherford, a council worker from Luton has been enjoying a memorable year.

Luton council employee Pam Burford spends her days monitoring the welfare of children in the town, and as part of her work she monitored the BBC Silent Witness crew when they filmed scenes at Luton Sixth Form College in May.

However, in the past two weeks Pam has been working as one of 15,000 volunteers who have helped to make the Glasgow Commonwealth Games a success.

She has been working in the accreditation department handling security passes for athletes, officials, the media and other volunteers.

Pam said: "The Games have been absolutely fantastic; I have had some really amazing experiences."

"On my first day of work I got to hold the baton and take a picture with all three medals around my neck."

"Then I had the chance to have my picture taken with some of the Team Scotland athletes like Erraid Davies. A few days later I watched Greg Rutherford in the long jump and then I got my picture taken with him



Pam with Erraid Davies, bronze medallist in the 100m para-sport breaststroke final (top), with the Commonwealth baton (inset above) and Greg Rutherford (below)

minutes after he won gold."

Around 50,000 people volunteered for the Games but Pam was one of the lucky few who was chosen to be a 'Clyde-Sider', the official name for the volunteers.

Tonight's (Sunday) closing ceremony will mark the end of the competition and Pam will be in Hampden Park after securing a ticket.

She added: "Volunteering at the Commonwealth Games is something I will treasure for the rest of my life."



## Eight days of action by fire crews

FIRE crews in Bedfordshire are set to strike again this month after their union confirmed a further eight-day period of industrial action.

The stoppages are part of the service's ongoing dispute with the government over retirement age and pensions. Matt Wrack, General Secretary of the

Fire Brigades Union, said: "It is absolutely ludicrous that a government can impose a scheme which means that firefighters will have to ride engines and rescue people from fires up to age 60."

"This is unsafe and unrealistic for both firefighters and the public."

"We know it and the public know it, but the government will not listen to the evidence-based case we have made to them."

The strikes will take place for eight days from Saturday, August 9 to Saturday, August 16 between noon and 2pm and then 10.59pm to 11.59pm.

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# Police to get more video camera kit

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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**FUNDING** to increase the number of body-worn video cameras in use by police officers has been granted, it has been announced.

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Olly Martins said that Bedfordshire Police had secured £795,723 from the Home Office Police Innovation Fund.

The force has been trialing the cameras since June 2013 and in May this year, it announced it had completed the roll-out of 60 cameras for use by frontline officers across the county.

This latest funding will see 1,179 more units bought for use in Bedfordshire and across Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, together with supporting infrastructure.

PCC Martins said the data on the devices will be fully networked but secure and auditable, and only available to authorised individuals.

He also said they offered 'numerous benefits' in helping officers tackle and solve crime.

Earlier this month a man who had given the police false details was identified



**FUNDING:** Body worn cameras



**PCC:** Upgraded systems coming

from the video footage.

PCC Martins said: "The cameras are proving popular with the public and police officers alike – the only people not too keen are the criminals being brought to justice due to the evidence provided."

"Local officers have told me that they are making a real difference in helping to secure prosecutions and defuse difficult situations."

"We have previously highlighted that in order to meet the Government's savings targets and enhance the service the public receive, we need to invest in new technology and take

advantage of the benefits it has to offer and these body-worn videos actually represent just one strand of our plans."

"Over the coming months we will see several new or upgraded systems introduced which I believe will help to radically change the way local policing is delivered."

"These will enable officers and PCSOs to stay out of the station and on the street for much longer, doing their paperwork on the move from new mobile devices helped by improved connectivity for timely submissions."

## Mother admits terror posts

A MUSLIM woman from Luton faces jail after admitting to making posts on Facebook encouraging terrorism in Syria.

Runa Khan, 34, posted a picture of a suicide vest with the words "sacrifice your life to be in Islam" in July last year, and details of a route into the war-torn country, Kingston Crown Court in Surrey heard.

The mother of six pleaded guilty to four charges of disseminating terrorist publications between July

and September 2013.

Addressing the defendant, Judge Peter Birts QC, said: "I'm sure you have been advised they are charges of the utmost gravitas that almost inevitably will be met by a substantial custodial sentence."

The court heard Khan, of Maple Road West, Luton, sent a series of Facebook messages to an undercover police officer describing a route from Turkey into Syria.

She received details of the

route from Mohammed Nahin Ahmed who has admitted spending eight months in Syria fighting alongside an al Qaida-linked terrorist group.

Ahmed and childhood friend Yusuf Zubair Sarwar, both 22, pleaded guilty to one count of engaging in preparation of terrorism acts at London's Woolwich Crown Court earlier this month.

Khan, described as previously being of good character, will be sentenced on September 9.

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CHARITY: Gavin Shuker MP collecting on the flight

## MP joins easyJet to collect for charity

**GAVIN Shuker, MP for Luton South, was aboard an easyJet flight to Bordeaux, France on Friday to collect money for Change for Good.**

The initiative, which collects foreign currency and small change from passengers has so far raised over £3m for UNICEF, with over £250,000 coming from London Luton Airport.

Mr Shuker said: "It was great to join easyJet crew and passengers to make a difference and help UNICEF's work in saving children's lives."

# Community order for drug blaze man

BY JULIA SUTTON  
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**FIREMEN** called to a blaze at a house in Plaiters Way, Houghton Regis, discovered the fire had been started by a cannabis factory illegally using electricity, a court was told.

The man responsible, Aston Knight, had saved his wife and young child from the property, where two bedrooms had been used for growing cannabis plants.

Knight, 26, started growing

the plants for himself after he became unemployed.

He said a friend bypassed the electricity meter.

But Judge Barbara Mensah had harsh words, saying "This was illegal, irresponsible and dangerous. You exposed your partner and child to potential death if the fire had caught hold."

She said she had seen glowing references of his previous work with the Prince's Trust.

Knight, who is living in a hostel following the blaze on May 20 this year, pleaded

guilty to cultivating cannabis and abstracting electricity.

On Friday at Luton Crown Court he was given a 12 month community order, with 250 hours unpaid work.

Police went into the house after the fire had been put out and found 28 plants growing, mainly in a tent in the main bedroom.

Stephen Moore, defending said: "He got involved through naivety. It was completely out of character."

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Cloudy2Clear service the Luton, Dunstable and Stevenage areas and Tom is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success.

"The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to

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# Thousands expected at Luton Mela festival

BY NICK SMITH

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THOUSANDS of people are expected to attend the annual Mela festival in Luton today (Sunday).

Music, food and kids activities are part of the day along with performances from international, national and local performers.

The festival came together to celebrate the diversity in Luton and has been a huge success, growing year-on-year since it started in 2000.

The main stage will be headlined by BritAsia nominee Bilal Saeed.

The Pakistani-based star has been nominated for Best Songwriter for two successive years at the awards.



Other acts in the star-studded line up include fellow singers Sama Blake and Shide Boss, who was crowned best newcomer at the Asian Music Awards last year.

Also performing will be Sazia Judge, Premi Johal and

the Bollywood Belles.

The event, hosted again at Wardown Park, saw crowds of over 20,000 last year and a similar number of people is expected again today.

The event will run from midday until 8pm.

## Saints Community Centre to close its doors

LUTON Borough Council has confirmed that Saints Community Centre will close in April next year.

The Solway Road centre is being closed due to extensive repairs being needed, which are not financially viable.

The cost of repairs needed are in excess of £400,000,

while the centre itself is valued at only £215,000.

Cllr Khtija Malik said: "We have however decided to keep it open until April as our priority is to work with existing users to find alternative venues in the local area so activities can continue as close by as possible."

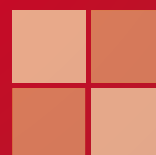
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# your letters



## 'Vandal Tax' to tackle litter

SIR – Our streets and parks continue to be littered with the remains of 'last night's takeaways'. In spite of the austerity cuts council cleaners are still doing a brilliant job of cleaning up the mess. But they're not Santa Clause – they can't be everywhere at once. Neither can they begin their work till after day-break, by which time much of the detritus has received the attention of cats, foxes and rats – none of whom can be described as 'tidy eaters'.

But why should the local tax payer foot the bill for this wanton disregard for our community in the first place? Do the perpetrators of this vandal behaviour do this sort of thing at home? Do they throw their dinner plates on the floor or out of the windows when they've finished their meals?

So how can we clamp down on this attack on our way of life and so help retard the rate of Luton's social decline? Could those infamous camera cars be used by having them park near known 'hot spots'? Local beaks should then be allowed to impose swingeing fines on the 'registered keepers' of the cars involved. A few high profile convictions would likely have a significant deterrent effect.

At the same time a local levy should be imposed on all takeaways to fund the daily clear-up operation. The shops supplying these meals would, of course, recover this levy by increasing their prices. They should display a notice telling customers that all orders taken after, say, 9pm will be subject

## Confident for season ahead

SIR – Having been to the majority of Luton Town friendlies this summer, I feel the team assembled by John Still is more than ready for the challenge it will face this season.

Despite a frustrating and sometimes painful time in the Conference, the play-off final loss to York City springs to mind particularly, we've finally made it back to the Football League and I see no reason why we can't do what clubs like Fleetwood,

Stevenage and Crawley have done in recent years and make it into League One at the first attempt.

The squad our manager John Still has assembled looks to be brimming with confidence and is a perfect mixture of experienced old heads and promising youngsters.

We've looked assured at the back and looked strong going forwards, which saw us dominate Royal Antwerp and earn a more than credible draw

against League One opposition Colchester United, who fielded a near full strength team.

I feel confident for the upcoming season and expect us to be in the mix come the end of the season.

Our first game of the season, against recently relegated Carlisle United, will be our first real test and I see no reason we won't prevail.

Frank Pelham  
Sent by email

to a Vandal Tax of ten pence. That way everyone will be clear about the cause of the price rise.

When I suggested this before, a local council officer replied that there was no law which allowed councils to impose such a tax. But surely the 'Sustainable Communities Act 2007' was intended to make this sort of action possible? After all, one of its four main planks is environmental – which this surely is.

Ron Turvey,  
Stanmore Crescent

## Stop grouse shooting subsidies

SIR – Most people have heard of the Glorious Twelfth – the day in August when the four-month long grouse shooting season starts on Britain's moorlands. But they know little else about a 'sport' staged and undertaken by some of the wealthiest individuals.

A new Animal Aid report, Calling the Shots 2014, is aimed at alerting the public to the truth about an activity that is based on extensive wildlife and environmental destruction. Burning is carried out to

encourage the growth of fresh heather, on which the grouse are fattened-up for shooting. Roads are dug and car parks built for the visiting 'guns'. Moorland wildlife perceived to threaten the birds is slaughtered.

Calling the Shots 2014 reveals that, under the current government, wealthy moorland grouse shoot owners are receiving even larger public subsidies than before, as they go about their industrial scale slaughter of wildlife and rural vandalism.

Animal Aid is calling for an end to the use of public money to subsidise grouse shoots and for the introduction of state licensing for those shoots and for gamekeepers.

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Fiona Pereira  
Animal Aid

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Examples, I have a few. Two weeks ago we needed to buy some train tickets for Gatwick. At the station only one of the four sales windows was open. And he was dealing with a woman who had lots of queries. We could not use the machines, as we were buying 'future' return tickets. So we waited, and we waited. There was someone behind one of the other windows, but he was far too busy to serve any customers.

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He did not back down when I pointed out the letter told me so to do, and just said we

will sort it and hung up.

This kind of treatment is commonplace these days. I know there always were sales assistants who were too busy dusting and reorganizing to serve you, but they were at least polite.

Today it is mainly the case that people are too stressed by the lack of staff to be polite and too poorly paid to care.

We had a similar experience with our baggage on returning to Gatwick but I guess again it is because there are too few people being paid too little money to have time to consider the importance of good service.

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HAT TRICK: Museum Makers aim to create a new record

## Hats off for record bid in Wardown Park

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On Saturday, August 16 the Museum Makers, the group behind the viral 'Luton Happy' video, will try to create a new record for the largest gathering of people wearing boater hats.

Jemma Murphy, the campaigns co-ordinator, said more than a 1,000 people had signed up already although they are aiming for more than 2,000.

# Call for rethink on school closures plan

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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A UNION has criticised plans to close three Dunstable schools, claiming there is a need for more pupil places due to planned housing growth.

Central Bedfordshire Council has published proposals to shut Brewers Hill, Streetfield and Ashton Middle Schools.

The GMB, the union for school support staff, said current projections indicated

there will be an increase in the number of school age children in the area.

It has called on the authority to consider this when councillors meet on August 19 to make a decision.

So far the council has said pupil numbers at each of the schools have been falling significantly as a result of changes to the education system in Dunstable.

Warren Kenny, GMB regional officer, said: "Within Dunstable and Houghton Regis it has been forecasted

that 2,061 dwellings are planned up to 2018.

"These changes will have a significant impact on school capacity and it is claimed that the equivalent of four new primary schools will need to be built as part of the North Houghton Regis Urban Extensions to meet the demand for 7,000 new dwellings expected to be built up to 2032.

"All evidence points towards an increase in school age population throughout Central Bedfordshire."

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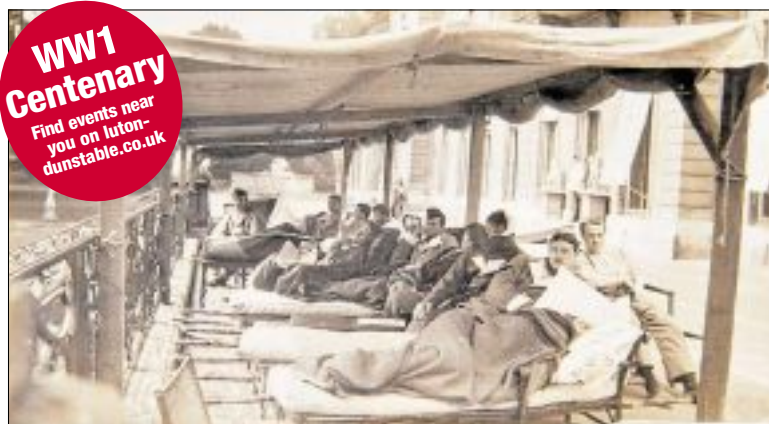
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# Soldiers respond to Wrest in Beds

BY JUDY RILEY  
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'WHEN I think what dull things I was doing last year' wrote Auberon Herbert to a friend in 1899, 'I am staggered by the luck which has brought me here'.

Not many people are quite so enthusiastic on finding themselves in a war zone. But 'Bron' Herbert was dif-

ferent. His appetite for life was boundless and, while he wasn't a natural scholar, he still managed to scrape through Bedford Grammar School and then Baliol College Oxford. When war broke out in South Africa Bron seized the chance to head out into the action as a Times correspondent.

Shortly afterwards, his luck took a bit of a hammering.

Getting too close to the hostilities he was shot in the foot and poor treatment of the wound led to him having to have his leg amputated below the knee on his return to England. But it didn't slow him up one jot. He continued to ride, play tennis and stalk the odd deer.

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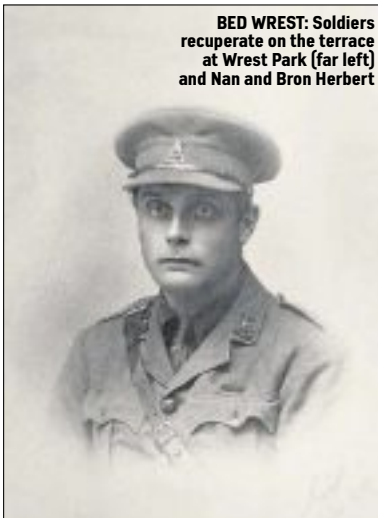


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**BED WREST:** Soldiers recuperate on the terrace at Wrest Park (far left) and Nan and Bron Herbert



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As modern-thinking 20th century people, neither felt quite comfortable being the owners of a grand stately home. So for them, at least, when war was declared on Germany at 11pm on August 4, 1914, it came with a slight sense of relief. Immediate concerns for what to do with the place had become clear.

Wrest was offered to the government of the day for

use as a military hospital.

Nan was to oversee the running of it, a task she relished. At first Wrest was a designated convalescence home but, by the summer of 1916 it was a hospital carrying out emergency surgery and caring for men suffering from shell-shock and gas poisoning.

It must have been hard to stay positive, even for the cheerfully-minded Herbert siblings, as the lives of friends, relatives and of course patients were lost to the increasingly bloody war. But even that couldn't dampen Bron's spirits. Though he was almost 40 years old and had a wooden

leg, he persuaded the fledgling Royal Flying Corps to let him join up.

He quickly became a capable pilot and was soon flying missions in Egypt. Back in England he taught new recruits and then, in 1916, he was offered the command of a squadron. But Bron felt that he needed to gain experience where the real action was, on the Western Front. Later that year, flying in stormy weather over German lines his plane was reported missing and early in December news came through that he had been killed.

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CHARMING: Last year's event on Dunstable Downs

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The event, on August 31, has been organised by artist Laurence Payot and the Bedford Creative Arts charity.

It was created after residents were asked what was most significant about the town and most people said it was the wind on Dunstable Downs.

Those wishing to take part in this year's event can contact the BCA on 01234 818670.

# Plan for 234 flats given green light

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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**PLANNING permission has been granted for the construction of 234 homes.**

The development, on a piece of greenland off Newlands Road, will consist of 154 one-bedroom flats, 80 two-bedroom flats as well as associated parking and landscaping.

The application was submitted by Luton firm Templeview Developments Ltd after Luton council

rejected an application for 230 units on the same land last year.

At the time it was dismissed on design grounds and its failure to meet in full education and waste requirements.

The new development has been approved subject to a number of conditions, including financial contributions to local infrastructure.

Simon James, the managing director of DLP Planning Consultants, Templeview's agents, said the 'development will make a significant

contribution to boosting locally the supply of housing.

Mike Jones, a consultant at DLP, added: "What it will do is provide much needed housing given the current shortfall."

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The centre of Stopsley is made up of a series of local shops around a village church. From a distance the skyline is dominated by Jansel House, an office block built in 1961 which houses the Luton VAT office over a parade of shops at street level including a Greengrocer, Chemist, Charity Shop. Estate Agent, hairdresser and cafe. One of Luton's two cemeteries, The Vale, is located nearby on the Hitchin Road.

The centre of Stopsley Village contains many shops on either side of the road with two banks, Barclays and HSBC, Co-Operative supermarket, Henderson newsagents, Chemist, Hardware, charity shops and Sandwich stores and Off licences/Wine stores. There are also several takeaways and restaurant including, Ashuka, Stopsley Surma, May Sek Oriental, Jay Raj Indian Cuisine, Pankaj Sor.

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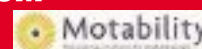


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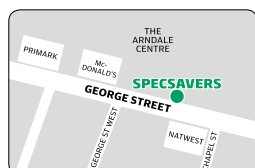




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**THE Speaker of the House of Commons has been officially welcomed as the Chancellor of the University of Bedfordshire.**

**Last Friday Buckingham MP John Bercow gave a speech at a graduation ceremony in which he said he would 'stand up for intellectual curiosity' in his new role.**

He also said he had been impressed by the university's focus on 'widening access to education' and its leadership.

**BY JULIA SUTTON**  
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**A MAN has been jailed for ten months and another given a community order for attacking a student out celebrating passing his course.**

Dale Samm, 20, and Ryan Wright, 23, both of Brooms Road, Stopsley attacked Saudi Arabian Student Nassar Al Hnaya in Silver Street on May 16.

Samm, who admitted a charge of robbery, was jailed whilst Wright, who admitted

assaulting the student occasioning him actual bodily harm, was given a 12-month community order and told to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work and pay £200 towards the prosecution's costs.

Luton Crown Court heard the pair had earlier been involved in an incident involving Mr Al Hnaya at a gay nightclub called Kink.

The student, who isn't gay, had gone into Kink unaware that it was popular with gay people. After rejecting an approach in the club which

upset the other man, Mr Al Hnaya was approached by the pair, who were angry at the way he had rejected the other man.

Jan Hayne, prosecuting, said following the incident the student left the club to get some food.

Later that evening he was in Silver Street when the two defendants attacked him, with Samm taking his iPhone during the attack.

In sentencing Judge Richard Foster said Samm had clearly been the leader in the attack.



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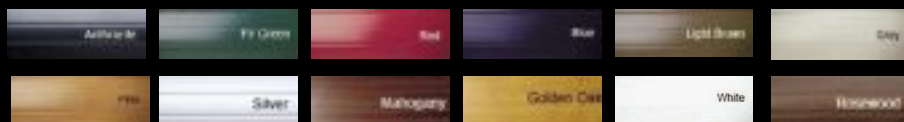
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## Work to start on new £500k travel centre

BY NICK SMITH

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**WORK** is set to begin on a new travel centre in Luton this month.

The £500,000 facility is to be built facing Luton railway station, on land owned by Luton Borough Council, next to the new rail-bus interchange. The money is coming from the Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

Facilities will include a travel information and bus/coach ticket desk, small public café and toilets, plus personal travel planning area.

Also provided will be a rest room for bus drivers and a cycle hub with CCTV providing secure cycle parking and lockers for storing helmets



**FUTURE:** An artist's impression of how the new travel centre will look

and accessories.

Work is scheduled to begin this month and be completed in early 2015, before opening next spring.

Cllr Sian Timoney, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, said: "This is great news for bus and train passengers, cyclists

and pedestrians in Luton.

"Encouraging more people in the borough to use public and sustainable transport not only helps reduce traffic congestion but also delivers important health, wellbeing and economic benefits," added Cllr Timoney.

## Airport operator in £4bn stock exchange deal

**THE** managers of London Luton Airport are set to sell a 49 per cent stake in their business when they make their stock market debut.

Aena Aeropuertos, which is owned by the Spanish government, will sell a 49 per cent stake in the company for a figure in excess of £4bn,

which will make it the biggest deal in Europe this year when it goes on the market in November.

The figure will dwarf the £3.3bn from the controversial sale of the British government's shares in the Royal Mail in April this year. Five big name banks have

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So what about this rail freight scheme?

It is called GB Freight Route, a proposal to build a dedicated freight railway line from the Channel Tunnel to Glasgow, linking all the major economic regions of Britain.



Luton North MP Kelvin Hopkins is puzzled as to why bureaucrats are against a plan to get five million lorry journeys a year off the roads

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GB Freight Route has the support of the supermarkets, major road hauliers, Eurotunnel, rail unions and rail construction companies.

Network Rail has shown interest, and John Prescott is one of many supporters.

The only opponents of the scheme are the bureaucrats in the Department for Transport.

Every negative point, all of them feeble, put by the department has been answered but they have so far refused to back the scheme.

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GB Freight Route would be massively popular, especially in Luton.

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This season features a new addition to the Grove's offering, with **Billy Elliott: The Musical** marking the first of the live screenings in September.

This will be followed by another live screening, but this of the Royal Opera House's production of **I Due Foscari**.

Another first for the Grove is the introduction of its 2015 Drama Season.

**The Ghost Train** and **Stone Cold Murder** are two thrillers set to make a chill run down your spine whilst Alan Ayckbourn's **Table Manners** should tickle your funny bone.

Opera is also strong this season with the heart-warming productions of **Madama Butterfly** and **La Traviata**.

On-screen entertainment comes in the form of titles such as **Frozen: Sing-a-Long** (PG) and **Sing-a-Long-a Dirty Dancing** (15), along with other big-screen blockbusters.

As things head into winter, you can fend off the chill with a chuckle or two.

Q1's resident dunderhead **Alan Davies**, Cornish comedy legend **Jethro**, Iranian **Omid Djalili** and **Jim Davidson** are just a few of the



**Billy Elliott: The Musical** will be making an appearance at the Grove during the autumn and winter season along with comedians such as funny man **Omid Djalili** (right)



acts that will be down at the Grove.

You can also check out one of the theatre's regular **Barnstormers** comedy nights or **Live at the Grove**, which features a side-splitting collection of comedians.

You can also try something a bit different by going along to the comedy play like **Ha Ha Hood!** or **Stones in his Pockets**.

However, if comedy is not your thing, you can tap your toes to a selection of musicians and tribute

acts as they try to revive the sounds of the past.

Take a trip back to the 1970s with **Think Floyd** and **Showaddywaddy**, the best of the 80s with **Jackson Live** and the 90s with **Songbird: The Music of Eva Cassidy**.

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And if you're into all things musical, take a look at **Love Changes Everything** and **Elio Pace Performs**

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Alternatively, you can get up on your feet during the season as the **Russian State Ballet** and **Opera House** return with another performance of the tragic romance, **Swan Lake**.

The theatre will be continuing with its **First World War Centenary Season** so keep your eyes peeled for a great selection of delicious cream teas, films and shows.

Local talent will also be given a

chance to shine when seven to 14-year-olds from the community bring the world beneath your feet to life with the Grove's annual summer musical project, **Insectzzz!** (See p37)

This will be followed by **Grove Sings**, a music showcase of talented singers and musicians from around the area.

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## Lewsey Park plays host to Luton's first ever Fleadh festival

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

#### Luton Fleadh Fiesta

**Lewsey Park**  
11.30am-10pm, Sunday, August 24  
£12.50, £10 NUS/Senior Citizens, U16s go free

THIS August Bank Holiday weekend will see international and local talent brought together for the first ever Fleadh Fiesta.

Acts include Luton-born Paul Young and his London-based Americana band Los Pacaminos. They will co-headline along with internationally renowned traditional Irish musician Sharon Shannon, whose 1991 self-titled album remains the best-selling traditional Irish release to this day.

Young has had a long career, winning a BRIT award in 1985 and has collaborated with artists like Tears for Fears and Gary Numan.

The headliners are prime examples of the diversity on display at the event, with the Tex Mex styles of Los Pacaminos providing a stark contrast to Shannon.

Also playing will be Luton rock band Exit Black, Irish folk act Craicheads, who have recently released their debut album, titled 'Brewed in London,' along with many others over the course of the day.

The event will be hosted by Diverse FM's Jim Carway.

Aside from the wide variety of music on display, there will also be a host of other activities to enjoy.

Also at the event will be art displays, a kids' zone and, of course, food and drink including a fully licensed bar.

Free parking will be available at the site. Gates for the festival will open at 11.30am, with music starting at 2pm and finishing at 10pm.



## Rare club gig for punk stars

### MUSIC

#### Cerebral Ballzy + Bloody Knees, The Tendons and Ray Guns to Stun

#### Bedford Esquires

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Over the last three years the band have lost and found drummers and guitarists and signed to Strokes' frontman Julian Casablancas' Cult Records label.

Casablancas has even gone as far to describe them as the coolest band on the planet.

The band are touring in

support of their new release Jaded and Faded, which has received critical acclaim.

While different to their first release of short, sharp hardcore punk, it still packs a punch.

Events promoter The Pad Presents... has pulled off a major coup getting a band of this size to play Esquires, who are used to far larger arenas.

UK music magazine NME has been quick to praise the young punks, calling them "New York's next great band" and naming frontman Honor Titus in the magazine's annual 'cool list' in 2011, along with the group headlining the magazine's Radar Tour last November, playing the length of England.

Since forming in 2008, they have shared stages with fellow New York-based punks Black Flag and Los Angeles based OFF!, along with thrash metal legends Anthrax.

The date is the band's last leg of their three-date UK club tour, before they play Boardmasters Festival in Wales next Saturday.

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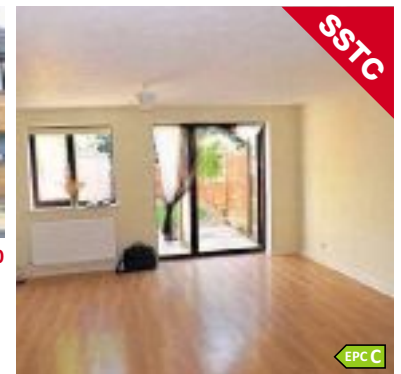
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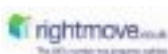
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- Return coach travel
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Departs 8 December 2014

Cruise from delightful Boppard through the heart of the Rhine Valley, to call at famous Rudesheim and Koblenz, home to some of the Rhine's best-loved Christmas Markets.

### Price includes

- Return coach travel to Germany
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## British Isles Discovery Cruise

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### Price includes

- Nine nights' full board accommodation on board MS Marco Polo based on two people sharing a twin cabin
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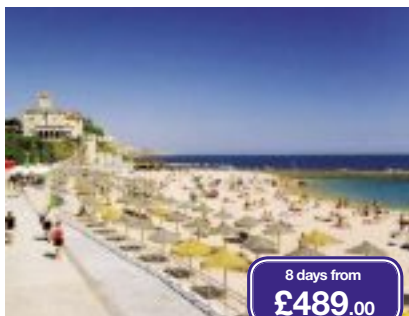
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Departs 6 September, 4, 11 & 18 October 2014

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### Price includes

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Flying direct from an airport near you  
Departs 1, 15, 22 September, 6 & 13 October 2014

Rest and relax in a delightful holiday haunt, and discover one of Europe's most enchanting corners.

### Price includes

- Return flights to Portugal from London Stansted & London Luton
- Comfortable coach travel and transfers
- Seven nights' bed and breakfast accommodation at the three-star Sana Hotel Estoril
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Departs 15, 30 August & 14 September 2014

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See up to 50 of the world's most beautiful sailing ships as Royal Greenwich hosts London's most spectacular tall ships regatta for 25 years. Enjoy the famous 'Parade of Sail', as well as a real carnival atmosphere as the Thames waterfront comes alive with maritime celebrations.

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Departs 16 November 2014

## Rails, Peaks & Fells

Journey on Britain's most outstanding scenic line – the famous 'Long Drag' from Settle to Carlisle – and enjoy the romance and nostalgia of bygone days with a trip on the Severn Valley Steam Railway. From the grandeur of the Northern Pennine Fells, to the lush Severn Valley, the sights are fantastic.

3 days from **£179.50**

Departs 26 Sept 2014, 5 Jun & 25 Sept 2015

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London's New Year celebrations are incredible, with firework display close to the London Eye at midnight. The atmosphere in central London is truly amazing as it transforms into one massive street. Enjoy the New Year's Day London Parade with marching bands from around the world – this break has it all!

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Departs 31 December 2014

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Enjoy a journey on the Severn Valley Steam Railway, Murder Mystery evening and a visit to Worcester.

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Departs 30 August 2014

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Vacancy ID: 101708

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#### Reprographics Technician

£10,856 - £12,397 p.a.

Vacancy ID: 101709

35 hours per week, term time plus 5 training days

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For more details on either role or to arrange a visit to the school, please e-mail: admin@williamaustin.juniorluton.co.uk (after 1 August)  
To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs

Closing date: 15 August 2014.

Interview date: w/c 18 August 2014.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.

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We now need to support this growth by seeking to recruit an additional

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Full time (35 hours)

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We are now seeking to recruit a

#### Business Support Manager

to support this growth.

We are looking to appoint an **administration professional** to manage and deliver an efficient and accurate administration and business support service for all activities associated with the effective running of the office, ensuring provision of key support services to all service areas. You will have supervision experience and be organised and self motivated as well as able to motivate others. You will be able to work closely with the CEO and as part of the management team.

Full time (35 hours)

Salary commensurate with experience (£25,161 - £30,391)

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**Financial Controller** to support this growth.

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For an informal discussion please contact James Housden on 0300 300 5983 or  
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the delivery of a program of works to maintain the authority's schools estate.

You will be educated to degree level or equivalent with recent experience of delivering  
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For an informal discussion please contact Ben Finlayson on 0300 300 6277 or  
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Educated to degree level in Building Surveying, you will have one year's experience in  
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You will work with the most vulnerable service users in the Borough and will be expected to work in  
partnership with a wide range of professionals from other Agencies and Organisations to ensure a  
seamless, quality service.

The role involves the discharge of Statutory duties relating to young people whom are in the care of the  
local authority or classed as care leavers under the legislative guidelines. The majority of the case load will  
consist of young people whom are identified as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking young people/Adults.

This job involves working strictly to policy and procedures of the Borough Council, involvement in  
extremely high risk decision making and the exercise of a high level of judgement. It will also cover the  
protection and care of the young people and include personal responsibility for the safety of children.  
You will also be required to represent the borough council in court/legal proceedings.

**This post is fixed term for 12 months. A secondment would be considered and applicants  
should ensure they have the prior approval from their line manager before applying.**

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Vacancy ID: 101711

**Fixed term until 31 March 2015**

**Full-time, 37 hours per week**

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**Closing date: 12 August 2014**

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**Permanent**

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## Your CV

When you send your CV off to a potential employer, remember that you won't be the only one. Hundreds of other people could be applying for the job as well.

So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

### There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

- Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.
- Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.
- Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.
- Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.
- Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

## Keep it simple

### Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, home and mobile phone numbers and email address. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.



### Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

### Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

### Work experience

Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

### Other skills

Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

### Interests & hobbies

Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

### References

Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

## Add a covering letter

**The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.**

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

### The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

- Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.
- Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.
- Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.
- Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

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**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (ADELAIDE STREET) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (NO.2) ORDER 2014**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

**The Order will come into operation 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and cease operation after a period of 1 month or when the proposed works have been completed. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.**

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the date described above. The purpose of the Order is to enable tactile crossing construction works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Adelaide Street.	From its junction with Cardiff Road to its junction with Rothesay Road.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager  
Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PARK VIADUCT) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2014**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

**The Order will come into operation 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 and cease operation after a period of 1 month or when the proposed works have been completed. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.**

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the date described above. The purpose of the Order is to enable drainage works in the highway to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Park Viaduct.	Eastbound carriageway from its junction with Latimer Road to its roundabout junction with Castle Street.

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager  
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

DATED: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014

**THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.38) ORDER 2014**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into effect on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.

The Order will revoke lengths of parking bays and introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions in their place as described in the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE	
High Town Road.	Odd numbered side from a point opposite the boundary of No's 139/141 High Town Road to a point opposite the boundary of No's 141/143 High Town Road.
Old Bedford Road.	Park side from opposite a point approximately 22 metres north of its junction with Earls Meade northwards for a distance of 5 metres.
Strathmore Avenue.	Even numbered side from a point opposite the boundary of No's 6/8 Strathmore Avenue to a point opposite the boundary of No's 4/6 Strathmore Avenue.

A copy of the Order, plans and reasons for making the Order may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546783 to arrange for an appointment to view.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers contained in the above Act or any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

3rd August 2014

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager  
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

**NOTICE**

A building certified for worship named Jesus Celebration Ministries, Christ Church Youth Hall, 88-90 Inkerman Street, Luton, in the registration district of Luton in the Non-Metropolitan County of Luton, was on 12th June 2014 registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to Section 41 of the Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by Section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act 1958). Anne Rooney Superintendent Registrar 15th July 2014

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2013/14AUDIT COMMISSION ACT 1998 SECTIONS 15 AND 16  
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2011  
REGULATIONS 9, 10, 21, 22 & 23

The accounts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire and the accounts of the Chief Constable for Bedfordshire are subject to external audit by Ernst & Young LLP, One Cambridge Business Park, Cambridge, CB4 0WZ. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

- From 22 August 2014 to 19 September 2014 inclusive (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm, any person may inspect the accounts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire and the accounts of the Chief Constable for Bedfordshire for the year ended 31 March 2014, and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
- From 10.00am on Monday 22 September 2014 until the conclusion of the audit process a local government elector for the area of the Commissioner and Chief Constable, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
- From 10.00am on Monday 22 September 2014 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Commissioner and Chief Constable, or his/her representative, may object to the accounts of the Police and Crime Commissioner of Bedfordshire and/or the accounts of the Chief Constable for Bedfordshire asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under Section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

Dated 3 August 2014

Philip Wells  
Chief Finance Officer to the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable for Bedfordshire Police  
Police Headquarters  
Woburn Road  
Kempston  
Bedford  
MK43 9AX

## Public Notices

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON  
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING)  
(CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.\*\*) ORDER 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, proposes to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The general effect of the Order will be to:

- introduce a No Waiting at Anytime restriction on Huckleys Way (the newly constructed length from Midland Road to Church Street);
- revoke existing waiting restrictions and introduce No Waiting at Anytime restrictions on Cheapside and John Street as specified in schedule 1 below;
- revoke a night time only taxi bay outside 163 Midland Road and extend the metres as specified in schedule 2 below;
- introduce a loading only area maximum stay 30 minutes on Midland Road as specified in schedule 3 below;

## Schedule 1 Introduce No Waiting at Anytime

Cheapside	Even numbered side from a point opposite the flank wall of No 42 Cheapside to its junction with John Street
John Street	Odd numbered side from a point opposite the flank wall of No 15 John Street to its junction with Cheapside

## Schedule 2 Introduce Night Time Taxi bay

Midland Road	Even numbered side from a point approximately 5 metres west of the western kerbline of Dudley Street westwards for a distance of approximately 20 metres
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## Schedule 3 Introduce Loading Bay

Midland Road	Both sides from a point approximately 2 metres east of the eastern flank wall of No 136 Midland Road to road end at Old Bedford Road
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A copy of the draft Order and reasons for making the proposals may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546783 to arrange for an appointment to view.

If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should write to me at the address below, or email me at [HighwayTRO@luton.gov.uk](mailto:HighwayTRO@luton.gov.uk) setting out the grounds of your objection by no later than Monday 25th August 2014 quoting reference SG/P1313-7

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager  
3rd August 2014 Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

## LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS)  
REGULATIONS 1990 (in a Conservation Area)

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Application no.: 14/00903/FUL Conservation Area

Site: 20 London Road  
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Application no.: 14/00856/FUL Conservation Area

Site: The Crown, 1 George Street  
Description: Continued use of part of public highway for outdoor seating area in association with The Heights public house.  
Application no.: 14/00910/FUL Conservation Area & Grade II Listed Building

Site: Hart House Business Centre, Kimpton Road  
Description: Part change of use of the main building for weekend wedding and civil partnership ceremonies  
Application no.: 14/00830/FUL

The application and submitted details can be inspected using Public Access, the on-line planning service at [www.eplan.luton.gov.uk](http://www.eplan.luton.gov.uk) and enter the application number into the Application Search. This site can be accessed at any library free of charge. If you wish to discuss the proposal, please contact the Case Officer on Luton 546317.

Any representations should be made to the Development Control Manager within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number above. This can be done in writing or on-line through public access (full details can be found on the website).

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## CRICKET

## Leaders next for Beds who eye first win of the season

BY LANCE CHRISTOPHER  
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BEDFORDSHIRE, still looking for their first Unicorns Championship win of the season, take on Eastern Division leaders Staffordshire in a three-day match starting today.

The county will be without their professional, Jamie Hewitt, and all-rounder Jon Carpenter for the trip to the Longton ground in Stoke.

Into the side come batsman Sam Johnson and Afaq Babar who the selectors hope will inject some much needed pace into the attack.

Babar, who made his debut for the county three seasons ago, is now on the MCC groundstaff at Lord's.

Hewitt, who also missed last week's drawn game with Norfolk, has duties with Middlesex where he is a second team coach while Carpenter booked a holiday at the start of the season before he established himself in the Bedfordshire side.

As well as scoring important runs down the order, Carpenter has been the recent first choice spinner, but with Alex King and skipper Andy Reynoldson also in the side, Bedfordshire have decided that they have sufficient cover in the spin department and have plumped for the speed of Babar instead.

Hewitt's role as opening batsman has been taken over by Bedford School captain Charlie Thurston who has been more than impressive in the county's last two games.

He was the most successful batsman in the match at Norwich, scoring 90 before being run out in the first innings and also playing attractively in the second.

The Norfolk game, though, was ruined by bad weather on the second day when an hour was lost to rain in the morning and a further 90 minutes in the evening due to bad light.

Bedfordshire should really have claimed maximum batting points in the first innings after Thurston and George Thurstance (89) had set them on the right path, but they lost their last five wickets for next to nothing as they tried to force the pace and were all out for 298.

The Norfolk innings was carried by Sam Arthurton who cracked an unbeaten 165 as the home team romped to 353-9. Reynoldson, who did not bring himself on until late in the innings, ended up with four wickets but the brunt of the bowling was done by Martin Weightman and George Bacon who toiled away tirelessly on a flat track.

With so much time lost, Bedfordshire had little option but to bat out the final day, which they did successfully to make 309 which included half-centuries from Dan Blacktopp and Alex Martin.

Today's team is: Andy Reynoldson, Luke Thomas, Charlie Thurston, Dan Blacktopp, George Thurstance, Sam Johnson, Alex Martin, Martin Weightman, Alex King, George Bacon, Afaq Babar.

# Opinion: Promotion again a realistic aim

## HATTERS

BY DAVE MACKIE  
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*Luton Town supporter Dave Mackie thinks back-to-back promotions are on the cards at Kenilworth Road. Agree/disagree? Share your comments online at [www.luton-dunstable.co.uk/sport](http://www.luton-dunstable.co.uk/sport)*

**SO, HERE we are once again – the new football season is upon us.**

For me, despite the distraction of that major global tournament called The World Cup, the break between the action has dragged on and on and has felt like an eternity.

This is usually the case, but this time around it has been even worse as we all have something a bit extra special to look forward to in 2014/15 – the Hatters' long awaited return to the Football League.

For five years we have waited for this since the injustice of the points deduction and relegation and now, at last, it is upon us.

The question now is what can be achieved now that we are back among the elite of the 92?

Despite the glory of winning the Conference in such emphatic style last season, I have already heard a few murmurings of worry ahead of League Two – mainly due to the two major departures at the club.

Skipper Ronnie Henry's departure came as a shock to many after the captain led the team so admirably in the title winning season.

Having returned to his former club Stevenage, Henry will find himself competing against his former Luton colleagues this season and hopefully he won't show the grit and steel which made him such a key part of Still's back four.

The defender was also involved in the altercation with a supporter against Lincoln which ultimately served to unite the club ahead of its historic title push, so his loss – after the rejection of a new contract – was keenly felt as he seemed to be emotionally attached to the club.

Perhaps a bigger loss though was the exit of lethal striker Andre Gray to Brentford.

While you cannot begrudge the hitman's desire to move up to Championship level, there



**DEPARTED:** Dave Mackie thinks Luton will cope without Andre Gray's goals

is no doubt that he leaves behind questions about where the goals are going to come from after his 30 strikes in 2013/14.

I have heard it mentioned that the new signings of forward trio Ross Lafayette, Ricky Miller and Charlie Walker – each from non-league football – might not be able to adequately replace Gray at a higher level but this seems unfair as the players deserve a chance to prove themselves and Still has a fine record of finding superb talent from relatively humble backgrounds.

Gray himself came from Hinckley United so who is to say that players like Miller – the Conference North player of the year – will not develop into a goal machine like Andre?

The signing of Paul Benson on a permanent deal was crucial too as Gray's regular strike partner chipped in with his fair share of crucial

goals and I would back Mark Cullen – often restricted to the bench – to find form if given a regular run in the starting eleven.

Still's other signings this summer are an interesting mix of youth and experience with the return of midfielder Andy Drury for a fee of £100,000 particularly exciting.

For me it is all shaping up rather nicely and as we will be competing in a fairly even division which includes three automatic promotion spots and then play-off berths all the way down to seventh position, I see no reason why we won't be competing at the top end of the table.

The Hatters army will once again make a difference and although the season starts with the long journey to Carlisle on Saturday I'm sure Brunton Park will be decked out in a sea of orange as we play against the 92 again.

I can hardly wait.

## Hatters to reveal new kit

## HATTERS

BY NICK SMITH  
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LUTON Town have said their new kit will be unveiled next week.

A club official confirmed that the eagerly anticipated strip for the 2014/15 season will be unveiled on Wednesday evening, which follows an image of what appears to be a new Hatters kit on the Football League website.

In the image, the home strip has maintained the Hatters' orange shirt, but has been coupled with navy blue shorts and white socks.

However, the away kit has seen a major overhaul from last season.

The predominantly white shirt has

been changed for a jersey sporting orange and navy blue vertical stripes, with white shorts and navy socks.

In March, Hatters fans decided that orange should be the colour of their home shirts, after nearly 4,000 supporters voted between orange and white in a club poll.

Meanwhile, the Hatters have been awarded a bye in the first round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

The last time the Hatters played in this competition they ended up winning it, defeating Scunthorpe United 3-2 at Wembley in 2009, with Claude Gnaka scoring a winner in injury time.

The club were relegated to the Conference later in the season and could not defend the trophy.



**TRIAL:** Colombian winger Angelo Balanta, formerly of Queens Park Rangers and MK Dons, appeared on trial for Luton against Colchester midweek. Boss John Still has pledged to bring in one further new signing but has hinted that the new arrival will be a promising youngster.



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